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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR UNGA

SUBJECT: PLO VISAS

REF: A. BEIRUT 13455

B. STATE 247842

1. IN ACCORDANCE WITH REF B, WE HAVE JUST ISSUED C-2 VISAS ALL VALID FOR ONE MONTH AND SINGLE ENTRY TO ALL INDIVIDUALS LISTED BEIRUT REFTEL EXCEPT BEHLOULI AND ABDEL RAHMAN (BOTH ISSUED BEIRUT), AND AL-MISHADANI, WHOSE IRAQI PASSPORT NOT VALID FOR US.

2. BIO INFO GIVEN IN REF A IS CORRECT EXCEPT FOR FOLLOWING:

A. RAHMOUN, KHALED. ALGERIAN PPT 198/74

B. AL-AZAMY, ABDEL WAHAB OMAR. DPOBHAIFA, 1940; 180CM.

C. ABOU ZAHRAH, MOHAMED. DPOB RAMALLAH, 1937; 174CM; BLACK HAIR.

D. AL-MOUSTAFA, MOUSTAFA. DPOB TRIPOLI, LEBANON, 1936; 176CM.

E. MELHEM, MOUSTAFA. DPOB HERBRON 1936;

F. HASSANI, MOUSTAFA. ALGERIAN PPT 191/74.

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3. STATE 248571 JUST RECEIVED AND ALI HASAN SALAMEH HAS JUST

TELEPHONE EMBOFF. EMBOFF HAS ISSUED C-2 VISAS TO AWWAD AND HASAN, AND SO INFORMED SALAMEH. EMBOFF ALSO TOLD HIM OF PASSPORT PROBLEM INVOLVING AL-MISHADANI AND WILL ALSO INFORM MFA. NO PROBLEM ANTICIPATED IN HAVING IRAQI CONSUL AMEND PASSPORT SPEEDILY. TIME FACTOR IS OF IMPORTANCE TO PLO SINCE TAKEOFF OF AIRCRAFT DEPENDS ON ISSUANCE ALL VISAS, ACCORDING TO AL-BAZ AND SALAMEH.

4. ACTION REQUESTED BY FLASH MESSAGE: WHEN EMBOFF STRESSED TO SALAMEH THAT THREE, NOT SIX MAY BE ARMED, AND READ HIM PARA 2 OF STATE 248571, HE SAID HE UNDERSTOOD PLO POSSESSES NO IMMUNITY RE FIRE ARMS UNLESS "SELF DEFENSE" INVOLVED. HE THEN SAID HE AGREED TO THREE PLUS RPT PLUS ARAFAT, MAKING SAME PITCH AS HE DID IN BEIRUT (BEIRUT 13454, PARA 3), NAMELY, ARAFAT ALWAYS WEARS GUN AND IT IS "ESSENTIAL PART OF HIS ROLE." EMBOFF AGREED ASK DEPARTMENT IF USG AGREES TO FOUR ARMED MEN, THREE PLUS ARAFAT. SALAMEH REITERATED "IMPORTANCE" ARAFAT ASCRIBES TO PACKING GUN. PLEASE ADVISE FLASH.
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